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Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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For : PROTEIN INVOLVED IN RESTORATION OF CYTOPLASMIC MALE STERILITY TO  
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS DATED OCTOBER 16, 2003  
AND  
STATEMENT THAT THE CONTENT OF THE PAPER AND  
COMPUTER READABLE COPIES ARE THE SAME**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated October 16, 2003 indicating that the computer readable form of the sequence listing did not comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.822 and/or 1.832 and was damaged and/or unreadable, Applicants submit herewith paper and computer readable copies of the sequence listing. Inasmuch as the two-month period for response was set in the Paper to expire on December 16, 2003, this response is being filed in a timely manner. Authorization to charge any necessary fees, such as any necessary extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089 is hereby granted.

Applicants note that the Notice to File Missing Parts stated that a marked-up copy of the sequence listing, highlighting the errors, was included with the Notice. However, Applicants

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note that such a copy was not included with the Notice. Accordingly, Applicants have conformed the sequence listing to the rules and not to the specific errors which may have been noted in the marked-up copy.

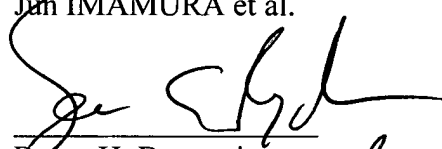
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.821(f), the undersigned hereby states that the information recorded in the computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing.

Applicants hereby state that the submission, filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.821(g), herein does not include new matter.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that the objection to the sequence listing should be withdrawn, and Applicants respectfully request an action on the merits for the present application.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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